FOREIGN CURRENCY CONVERTIBLE BONDS

2531. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have notified a scheme for facilitating issue of foreign currency convertible bonds and ordinary shares through Global Depository Receipt Mechanism ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of companies that have sought permission to raise foreign exchange funds through this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India have notified a Scheme on 12th November, 1993 for the issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) and Ordinary Shares through the Global Depository Receipts (GDR) Mechanism. According to the Scheme, Indian Corporate Bodies can raise foreign currency resources by issue of FCCBs/Ordinary Shares through the GDR mechanism subject to the overall ceiling for total foreign equity holding (excepting Foreign Institutional Investor holding) of 51 per cent of the expanded equity Capital of the company after effecting the issue. Till date 44 companies have sought permission to raise foreign currency funds through the issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds or Ordinary Shares through the Global Depository Receipt Mechanism.

BANK OFFICERS AND SHARE BROKERS INVOLVED IN SECURITIES SCAM

2532. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether CBI has filed charge-sheets against various bank officers and share-brokers in the multi-crore securities scam in the court :

(b) if so, the details ; and

(c) the details of those arrested so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation has informed that charge-sheets against bank officials alongwith private persons have been filed in five securities scam related cases in the Court at Bombay set up under the Special Court (Trial of Offences relating to Transactions in Securities) Act, 1992 and the following persons were arrested in connection with the above mentioned cases :

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Harshad S. Mehta, Broker

Bhaskar Roy Choudhari, DGM, UCO Bank.

S. V. Prabhu, AGM, UCO Bank.

M. K. Ashok Kumar, Ex-Vice-President Canfina.

S. Mohan, Asstt. Vice President, Canfina.

Anil Narchania, AGM, Canbank Mutual Fund.

Dharampal, MD, FGFSL.

R. Ganesh, Asstt. Vice President, FGFSL.

R. Lakshminarayana, ED, FGFSL.

S. Srinivasan, Vice President, FGFSL.

Tharain Chacko, Sr. Vice President, ABFSL.

Abrahan Zacharia, Sr. Programmer, FGFSL.